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Birmingham, Constitutional Tavern, October 17, 1791.

HOWEVER it might be wished that the same harmony which some few years since reigned in this town, among its several inhabitants, should again take place, it can scarcely be expected, while a set of men are to be met with, who endeavour unceasingly to feed the flame of animosity and discord.

This reflection is occasioned by a perusal of an account of the Riots which took place here, with some Letters which passed on the business, printed by "R. BELCHER, *Dereitnd*"; compiled manifestly by a Dissenter, and who has very assiduously exercised his pen in aspersing, by implication at least, *Men* to whom the *Dissenters* have, during the disturbances, been *affectionately obliged*;—the *Clergy* of the town of *Birmingham*; who, instead of countenancing, (as is maliciously insinuated) the Outrages of the Day, were public and unrestrained in their endeavours to restore that peace and order, which had been so dreadfully broke in upon, and to afford every benevolent assistance, by advice and otherways, to those of different persuasions, whose minds were agitated by impending danger.

The Compiler of the Account, Letters, &c. above-mentioned, has advanced a doubt "whether the *inflammatory Hand-bill* was written by an imprudent friend to the Revolution, or by an *Enemy to the Dissenters*."—Before he troubled himself with the insertion of this sentence, he well knew (besides the extreme improbability that a friend to our present glorious establishment, would hazard a possibility of what might ensue) He well knew, that *more* than a *bare supposition* of the *Printer* of the Hand-bill had gone abroad, and that a hasty retreat of a certain *Reverend Dissenting Teacher* from his residence near this Town to the continent, prevented, most probably, the real Author of the Hand-bill receiving his due reward.

It is observed "that the *Dissenters* with much alacrity and loyalty made their offer of reward for the *Authors* discovery."—That a reward *was* offered, and in their *Name*, is acknowledged, but the Public are to be acquainted that such offer did not take place, till the above *Reverend Democrite* had made his escape; and that such reward was only for the discovery of the *Author*, (the *Printer*, *Publisher* and *Distributor*, being in the hurry of business it may be supposed, totally forgotten)

If the *Dissenters*, or one of them, were not the *Authors* of the Hand-bill, if at their meeting it was not well understood by the *Principals* that the fact was so, why did not one of their busy and *loyal Members*,—Why did not Mr. KEIR,—Why did not Mr. RUSSEL, Why did not Mr. HUMPHRIES, propose at that meeting a *public and solemn disavowal* of all knowledge whatever of its *Author*?

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The Compiler of the account &c. to the Letter, signed "a Lover of Truth", has subjoined the following note.—"Mr. RUSSEL's Letter respecting the Toasts (published in "London) is purposely omitted, as Mr. KEIR has written so fully on the Subject, and clearly "accounts for Mr. R—'s *inaccuracy* in the statement of *some of them*; which is noticed with so "much asperity by this *Lover of Truth*.—Whether the declaration of Mr. R— respecting "Mr. DADLEY, is to be credited in preference to the assertion of an *Anonymous Writer* "is submitted to the reader's consideration.

It is rather unfortunate for Mr. R—'s character, as a *Man of veracity*, that this champion of his Fame, should by the former part of the above Note, have stumbled on the very circumstance, which strengthens the impeachment against that Character, for it is a fact, *not to be disproved*, that previous to the insertion, *he knew* the Statement would *purposely be false*.

It is rather to be lamented that Mr. R— was under the necessity of being obliged to Mr. KEIR, to account for his *inaccuracy*.

Should he now think proper to attempt it himself, it is wished he would at the same time, if his memory serves, present the Public with his *Loyal Address* at the breaking up of the company at the Hotel, respecting the necessity of *enlightening the People*.

His worthy friend, Mr. KEIR, will perhaps at the same time favour us with *his explanations*, if we ourselves should be at a loss to define the *Meaning*.

Mr. RUSSELL has himself been called upon to disavow the reported conference between him and the Master of the Hotel; and his silence is proof sufficient that the charge bore too much truth to be denied.

It might be expected, from the very *marked opinion* of the people at large, (in this place especially) have shewn of the *Principles of the Dissenters*, that some small portion of modesty would, at least for the present, be testified by them. How far this is the case let the *numerous scandalous publications*, which are now circulating by the medium of the *Post* and otherways, bear witness.—But let them beware!—*The Arm of Loyalty* has been rais'd against them.—Their present deportment is in proof, that it *was needful*. The Bolt, tho' shot, is not *entirely spent*; and the people at large have too much affection for their KING, and reverence for the present GOVERNMENT, to suffer either of them to be attacked with *impunity* by the *arts of the seditious*.

The LION is too magnanimous to trample upon the fallen.—

—*Misuse not then his noble nature, YE DISSENTERS!*—for if ye again arouse him:

—Your Commentator,—Mr. KEIR, may explain the Consequences.—